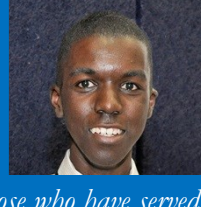
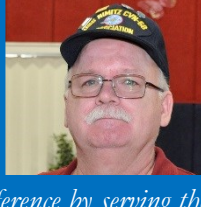
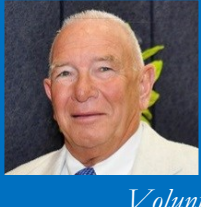
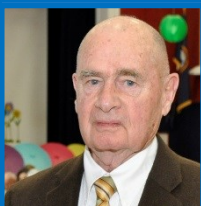
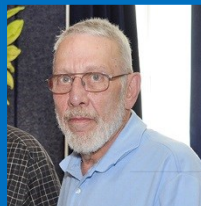
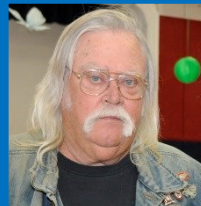
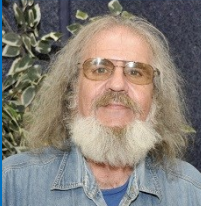
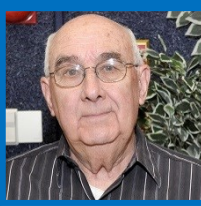


# Volunteer Voice



*Volunteers...making a difference by serving those who have served us first!*





★ **50 HOUR YOUTH AWARD**

Christoff Abraham (Youth)  
 Marquette Barnett (TCHS Brandywine)  
 Ryan Buggy (Youth)  
 Julian Martin (Youth)  
 Brianna Tucker (Youth)  
 Erika Wilkinson (Octorara)

★ **100 HOUR YOUTH AWARD**

Kirstie Blank (Octorara)  
 Chase Darlington (Child Career Development Ctr)  
 Axa Gardner (Octorara)  
 Abigail Johnson (Octorara)  
 Aquia Pennington (Child Career Development Ctr)  
 Tajai St. John-Miller (Child Career Development Ctr)

★ **150 HOUR YOUTH AWARD**

Cierra Cooper (Octorara)  
 Alex Curtiss (Coatesville Youth Initiative)  
 Tyra Joseph (Coatesville Youth Initiative)  
 Authur McMillan (Child Career Development Ctr)  
 Leon Moon (Coatesville Youth Initiative)  
 Dylan Rice (Octorara)  
 Brenda Turner (Coatesville Youth Initiative)  
 Brittany Williams (Octorara)

★ **100 HOUR AWARD**

Steven Abrams (Unaffiliated)  
 Eileen Bannon (Military Order of the Cootie Aux.)  
 Ralph Bassetti (VFW)  
 Margaret Baxter (VFW, Ladies Aux.)  
 Jesse Black (VFW)  
 Donna Bleiler (Unaffiliated)  
 Rhyann Bofinger (Unaffiliated)  
 Kevin Britt (Unaffiliated)  
 Samantha Brothers (Unaffiliated)  
 Charles Bruton (Unaffiliated)  
 Gerard Burns (DAV)

★ **300 HOUR AWARD**

Richard A. Adams (VFW)  
 Barry Amole (Am. Legion, VFW, VVA)  
 Larry Bourne (Unaffiliated)  
 Albert Bryson (Knights of Columbus)  
 Polly Bush (Marine Corps League Aux.)  
 Dan Condon (Marine Corps L., Knights of Columbus)

★ **500 HOUR AWARD**

Arnold Baker (Unaffiliated)  
 William J. Englerth III (Military Order of the Purple Heart)

★ **750 HOUR AWARD**

Kimiko Brickus (Unaffiliated)  
 Vincent Bryant (Unaffiliated)

★ **1000 HOUR AWARD**

Otto Blavier (Fleet Reserve Association)  
 Kay Croll (Marine Corps League) and (Women Marines Association)

★ **1,750 HOUR AWARD**

David McGarry (Unaffiliated)  
 Walter Zamorski (Marine Corps League)

*Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and Ceremony*

Edward Carroll (Unaffiliated)  
 James F. Clark III (Project Healing Waters)  
 Lynne Denlinger (Ret. Sr. Volunteer Program)  
 Anthony Doria (Colleges)  
 Glenn Emery (VFW)  
 Leonard Frampton (Unaffiliated)  
 Sarah Fratta (Unaffiliated)  
 Gail Fulton (VFW, Ladies Aux.)  
 John B. Getz, Jr. (VFW)  
 Melanie Green (Unaffiliated)  
 Dwayne Matthew Hallager (Colleges)  
 Oscar Helton (VFW)

Carmela Fabiano (DAV Aux.)  
 Dale Ferguson (Sr. Community Service Emp. Prog.)  
 Francis Flasiński (VFW)  
 Nicholas Gibbone (Unaffiliated)  
 Benjamin Goldman (Unaffiliated)  
 Faith Ann Harkins (VFW, Ladies Aux.)  
 William Higgins, Jr. (Unaffiliated)

Erik Fernitz (Colleges)  
 Ralph Forrest (VFW)  
 John Gallagher (Knights of Columbus)  
 Christopher Hartson (Unaffiliated)

Sally Deisley (AMVETS Aux.)  
 Shirley Harvey (Unaffiliated)  
 Joseph Hould (Unaffiliated)

William Gentry (Sr. Community Service Emp. Prog.)  
 William Hagar (Unaffiliated)  
 Dennis R. Kukulka (Military Order of the Purple Heart)

★ **2,500 HOUR AWARD**

Ira P. Crawford (Unaffiliated)  
 John Donohue (Unaffiliated)

Michael Huggins (Unaffiliated)  
 Eric Jennings (Child and Career Development Ctr.)  
 Tisha Jennings (Unaffiliated)  
 Barbara M. Johnson (Unaffiliated)  
 Sharon Kukulka (Military Order of the Purple Heart)  
 Margaret Lied (VFW, Ladies Aux.)  
 Vincent Lukach (B.P.O.E.)  
 Thomas Middleton (Unaffiliated)  
 Nancy Moffa (Child and Career Development Center)  
 Adam Pearson (Colleges)  
 Celine Pelletier (Unaffiliated)  
 Emily Perna (Unaffiliated)

Charles Larkins (Marine Corps League)  
 William Lockhart (Unaffiliated)  
 Michelle MacKinnon (Unaffiliated)  
 Ada McLaren (Unaffiliated)  
 John Morine (American Legion, M.O.P.H.)  
 Thomas Murdock III (Unaffiliated)  
 Stephen Ross (B.P.O.E.)

Raymond Knisley (Unaffiliated)  
 James Korman (Sr. Community Service Emp. Prog.)  
 Gerard Morse (Unaffiliated)

Cynthia Painter (VFW Ladies Auxiliary)  
 John Palka (Unaffiliated)  
 David Pierce (Unaffiliated)

William Martz (American Legion)  
 Charles G. McMahon (VFW)  
 Carlton M. Mills (Sr. Community Service Emp. Prog.)

Jeffrey R. Jones (Unaffiliated)  
 William Severns (Vietnam Veterans of America)

Paula Horner Unaffiliated 6 years, 1,214 hours  
 Charles M. Kipp Masonic Service Assoc. 11 years, 2,131 hours  
 Leo Morgan AMVETS 19 years, 6,960 hours  
 Richard A. Riccardelli Unaffiliated 7 years, 1,933 hours  
 William J. Ristey Knights of Columbus 7 years, 1,306 hours

Jacquelyn Petrosky (Colleges)  
 David Riggio (Project Healing Waters)  
 Deborah Roifer (Unaffiliated)  
 Donald Roland (DAV)  
 Peter Souders (VFW)  
 Richard Sparks (DAV)  
 Jennifer Stahl (Child and Career Development Ctr.)  
 Diana Stumm (Masonic Service Assoc. N. America)  
 Marie Taltoan (Unaffiliated)  
 Barbara Wheeler (Nat'l. Soc. of Daughters of the American Revolution)  
 Joshua Wittmann (Colleges)

Samuel Sylvest (VFW)  
 Thelma Villanueva (Unaffiliated)  
 Margaret Watson (Unaffiliated)  
 Frank Webb (Unaffiliated)

Clarence Rhoades III (Military Order of the Purple Heart)  
 Rhonda Washington (Unaffiliated)

Rosemary Schuler (Unaffiliated)  
 Victor Terziu (Sr. Community Service Emp. Prog.)

Woodrow T. Powell (DAV)

★ **10,000 HOUR AWARD**

Alfred P. Gerhardt (American Legion, DAV)

**CERTIFICATE OF HOURS & YEARS OF SERVICE**

This certificate is given to those volunteers who have served a minimum of 100 hours during FY 14, but have not reached the next award category:

Clifford Andrews Benevolent and Protective Order Of Elks 7 years, 1,201 hours  
 Joseph Fortune, III Masonic Service Association 7 years, 1,894 hours  
 Henry Goodwin American Red Cross 9 years, 1,302 hours  
 Robert E. Hayden Veterans of Foreign Wars 3 years, 1,376 hours  
 Titus Hertzog American Legion 25 years, 6,060 hours

Terrell C. Scott Unaffiliated 3 years, 1,453 hours  
 Leona Sims Sr. Community Service Emp. Program 3 years, 1,350 hours  
 Leon Stewart American Legion 6 years, 1,171 hours  
 Rose Marie Zamorski Marine Corps League Ladies Auxiliary 9 years, 1,293 hours

## Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and

### ★ Corporate/Group Sponsors

21<sup>st</sup> Ward Veterans Association  
Accucare Home Nursing Main  
Line  
Amerikids  
Beth Chain Reform  
Bikers Against Child Abuse of  
Chester County  
Camp Fire Girls.  
Central Presbyterian Church  
Cub Scout *Pack 16*  
David's Drive 831, Inc

Duffers Restaurant  
Home Instead Senior Care  
Ingleside Golf Club  
Irwin & Leighton, Inc.  
LegionRiders  
LuLu Shriners  
Luken's Band  
Merion Concert Band  
Modena Church of God  
North Brandywine Middle School  
Jazz Band  
Old Academy Players

Project Healing Waters  
QVC, Inc  
Radnor Middle School  
ReMax Professional of Exton  
Rolling Thunder, Inc. *Chapter 1*  
Rotary Club, *Central Chester Co.*  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Susquehanna Senior Center  
The Savoy Company  
Therapy Dogs International  
Thorndale United Methodist  
Church

Trinity Episcopal Church  
US Coast Guard and US Coast  
Guard Auxiliary  
Valley Forge Project Healing  
Waters  
Valley Forge Star 326  
Veterans Cruise  
Warriors Watch Riders  
Womelsdorf Volunteer Fire  
Company Social Quarters

### ★ Contributions Over \$1,000

American Legion  
*Department of Pennsylvania*  
American Legion,  
*Unit 805 Broomall*  
American Legion,  
*Unit 422 Wawassan*  
American Legion,  
*Unit 951 Upper Chichester*

Disabled American Veterans  
*Chapter 80 Red Rose*  
Marine Corps League,  
*General Smedley D Butler Detachment*  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
*Chapter 1777 Valley Forge*  
National Society of the Daughters  
of the American Revolution  
*Chapter Lt Matthew Smith*

Order of the Eastern Star  
*Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania*  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
*Post 5667 Elizabethtown*  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
*Post 1690 Garden Spot, Lancaster*  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
*Manheim Home Association*  
Lisa Fischer

Shirly Blanchard  
Elizabeth Sheehy  
Richard Riccardelli  
Avatar Environmental, LLC  
The Eden Charitable Foundation  
The Boudinot Foundation  
New Holland Home Association  
The Cruisin Classics of Chester  
County

### ★ School Affiliates

Chester County Child  
Development Center –  
*Vocational Exploration/  
Discover Program*

Kings Highway Elementary  
School  
*Adopt-A-Grandparent Program*  
Octorara Area High School –  
*VA Career Experience Program*

Radnor Middle School –  
*Lunch and Bingo Program*  
Coatesville Area Senior H.S. -  
*Transitional Skills Program*

Brandywine Technical College  
High School –  
*Health Career Academy,  
Allied Health*



The Hazel P. Harnish Memorial Award for Excellence in Volunteering was presented to David Turner Sr., Joy Turner and Samantha Turner.

The Turner family founded David's Drive 831, to honor the life of their son and brother, David Turner, Jr., a VA employee who passed away suddenly in December of 2009. Turner Jr. often expressed his desire to help Veterans and the organization fulfills his vision today through donating time and needed items. Since 2010, David's Drive 831 has donated 190 new beds for those obtain-

ing permanent housing through HUD-VASH: \$155,00 worth of t-shirts, socks and under clothes; and 4,500 holiday gifts. The Turners and other members of David's Drive 831 have also volunteered their time at various special events, including the VA2K Walk and Run, and the annual Scratch Team picnic for Veterans in recovery.



Over 33 years of Dedicated Service Award to Anna Walters



Over 50 years of Dedicated Service Award to James Porreca



10,000 Hour Bowl and Pin was presented by Jonathan Eckman to Al Gerhardt

Outstanding Service Awards (pictured left to right with Gary Devansky) Kimiko Brickus, John Morine, Peg Watson, Chris Hartson, and Richard Riccardelli





## Youth Recognition Picnic



5th Graders from Kings Highway Elementary School participated in the "Adopt-a-Grandparent" program.

Their company was greatly appreciated by the residents of the Community Living Center.

A special picnic was held at the end of the school year to acknowledge and recognize the efforts of students in community service. Each student was given a certificate of appreciation and a new backpack provided by VAVS.





## Youth Recognition Picnic



Octorara Area  
High School  
VA Career  
Experience  
Program



Brandywine Technical College High School  
Health Career Academy



Chester County Intermediate Unit  
Discover/Vocational Exploration Program



Brandywine  
Technical  
College  
High School  
Allied Health





## Coatesville Highlights



Renaissance Academy Charter School of Phoenixville, PA participated in a beautification project to spruce up the grounds around the entrance of the VA Medical Center.



A special tour of Coatesville VA Medical Center was given to visiting representatives of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution.



## Coatesville Highlights



July 1st was the day of  
the annual

## Country Fair

with American Legion  
Ladies Auxiliary partici-  
pants. Veterans were  
given toiletries, clothing,  
and canteen books.



A May visit was made to the  
Coatesville VA Medical Center by Veterans of Foreign  
Wars Ladies Auxiliary of  
Pennsylvania.

*Pictured left  
Director Gary Devansky  
and VFWLA representatives.*



## Donations



A donation of 72 toiletry boxes from The New Century Club of West Chester for the benefit of women Veterans



Representatives Mary Van Orden and Eileen Bannon of the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary presented a \$500.00 donation on behalf of the Brunetti Foundation for the benefit of hospitalized Veterans.



Red Hat Royal Ladies at Hillview donated summer pool items for women Veterans



The George Taylor Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution donated hand crochet afghans and ditty bags filled with toiletry items.



Employee Recreation Therapist of 59B, Wanda Brown, was recognized with an award.  
"Volunteers Know I Care"

Members of Twin Valley Girl Scout Troop 1489 donated 15 pairs of sweat pants and two cases of Girl Scout cookies to the Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The girls used their earned cookie money to purchase the sweat pants and the cookies were donated by people purchasing Girl Scout cookies from them. *Photo courtesy of Jennifer Burns, Leader Troop 1489*





## New Volunteers

### Please welcome them to their new assignments.

Curtis Lammey – No Vet Dies Alone Hospice  
 Andy Hoffman – Recreation Support – Voluntary  
 Kendall Pratt – Buddy Program - 59  
 Margaret Christy – Yoga Instructor  
 Albert Pentitila – Greeter - 58  
 Michael Lindmeier – DAV Driver  
 John Brinkmann – Buddy Program  
 Sandra Verdiani – Recreation Support - 138  
 Cindy McAllister – Lab  
 Annette Glaudel - Caregiver Support  
 Deborah Fein – Recreation Support -138  
 Shivam Patel – QI Monitor - NFS  
 Matthew Hartsough – Recreation Support - 138  
 Michael Fisher – DAV Driver  
 Clair Merva – QI Monitor - NFS  
 David Phillips – Tennis Instructor - Voluntary  
 An Le – Nutrition Aide – 1B  
 Brian Centonze – Yoga Instructor  
 Raymond Lyons – Admin Assist - EMS  
 Ashley Ngyen – Recreation Assist - 138  
 Brittany Davies – Recreation Assist - 138

Melissa Nedza – Yoga Instructor  
 John Marinoli – Buddy Program  
 Lien Le – Admin Assist – Admin Support – Golden Memory Clinic  
 Samuel Shipley – DAV Driver  
 Noah Toothaker – Admin Assist – Work Restoration  
 Taylor Viscuso – Recreation Support – 1B



Volunteer Edward Thompson was recognized for his helpfulness by the staff of Canteen Services.



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Volunteer Driver

Drive outpatient Veterans, who are in need of transportation, to and from their scheduled VA Medical appointments. DAV government vehicles are provided for this assignment.

### Adaptive Sports

Teach Veterans skills such as kayaking, tennis, fly fishing, and hiking.

### Hospice / No Veteran Dies Alone Program

Provide comfort and support to terminally ill Veterans and their families.

### Pet Therapy / Visits

Provide a guided interaction between a patient and a trained animal.

### Greeter

Assist patients and visitors with information and directions to clinic locations.

### Recreation Support

Assist and escort Veterans to and from a wide variety of scheduled activities both on and off the medical center, such as community outings.

**Baker** Provide assistance with twice weekly baking activities in the long term care units.

### Decorator

Provide assistance with seasonal and special event decorations in the long term care unit.

**Buddy Program** Facilitate an uplifting relationship between a Veteran and volunteer to improve the quality of life for all.

### Men's and Women's Clothing Room

Provide assistance with day-to-day operation of the clothing room. Receive and organize donated clothing to allow easy access for Veterans.

### Office Support

Assist clinics or administrative offices with filing, answering phones, graphic work, or computer assistance.

Contact the Coatesville VAVs office if you are interested in volunteering or would like more information.

Building 5, Coatesville VA Medical Center  
 610 384-7711, extension 4228 or 4900







Department of Veterans Affairs

1400 Blackhorse Hill Road, Coatesville, PA 19320

Phone: 610-384-7711 or 1-800-290-2096

## Wish List

### Clothing

- New and gently used men's clothing
- New socks, t-shirts, underwear, and bras
- Sweatpants and sweatshirts, Large, 1X, 2X
- New and gently used men's and women's shoes, sneakers and work boots

### Personal Care Items

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Shaving cream/gel
- Biotene, dry mouth treatment
- Roll-on deodorant
- Denture adhesive
- Brush/comb
- Powder

### Miscellaneous Items

- Forever postage stamps
- Gift cards from retail stores and/or prepaid gas cards
- Phone cards
- Tea, coffee, creamer and sugar/sugar substitutes


### ***Monetary donations are always welcome.***

Checks should be made payable to Department of Veterans Affairs or DVA. Please indicate how you would like your donation utilized and mail check to:

**Department of Veterans Affairs  
Voluntary Service (135)  
1400 Black Horse Hill Road  
Coatesville, PA 19320**



[www.coatesville.va.gov](http://www.coatesville.va.gov)



***Do you have a  
July, August, September  
birthday?***

**Please contact Occupational Health  
at extension 5907 to schedule your  
annual TB screening before the end  
of your birth month.**

Christine M. DeMasi, MSN, CRNP  
Occupational Health Nurse Practitioner  
Coatesville VAMC  
610-384-7711 ext 5908  
[Christine.demasi@va.gov](mailto:Christine.demasi@va.gov)



- Don't forget to get your FREE Flu Shot
- Don't forget to get a new parking sticker if you have a new vehicle
- Representatives – The next quarterly VA Voluntary Service (VAVS)

Meeting is Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



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